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\$71,950 Issued to Eurodesign Cabinets, Inc.

LOS ANGELES – Citing a need to ensure that companies comply with state regulations requiring that hazardous waste tanks be properly assessed, and that reports detailing the operations of hazardous units (tanks, ancillary equipment, etc.) are provided to state and local environmental regulators consistent with issued permits, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) today announced an Enforcement Order (Order) was issued to Eurodesign Cabinets, Inc., (ECI) of Chino. The Order alleges several hazardous waste violations, including failure to provide proper training of facility employees that were revealed at the corporation's 13428 Benson Avenue facility during an inspection on January 19, 2006.

The Enforcement Order, issued on July 20, 2006, assesses an administrative penalty of \$71,950 for the alleged violations. "These violations are potentially dangerous for workers and for the community," said DTSC Director Maureen Gorsen.

"Appropriate and consistent assessments of hazardous waste tanks and providing adequate training for hazardous waste workers is imperative in the management of hazardous waste facilities," said Gorsen. "The absence of training and the disregard of regulations specifying equipment assessments clearly demonstrate a lack of compliance with rules and regulations designed to protect the workers and the community," Gorsen added.

ECI generates the following hazardous wastes: waste paint, coating and solvents; rags and debris; water-based glue; water-based stain; and oil and oily sludge. The facility qualifies as a 'Large Quantity Generator' under the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) because it generates more than 1,000 kilograms of RCRA hazardous waste in any calendar month.

During a DTSC inspection of the facility on January 19, 2006, inspectors cited the ECI for:

- Failure to assess a tank system used to treat hazardous paint wastes
- Failure to provide adequate hazardous waste training to employees
- Failure to have a written training plan for employees who handle hazardous waste

In addition the facility was also cited for:

- Accumulating and storing two drums of hazardous waste for more than 90 days
- Failure to properly label six drums, one treatment tank, and one container of hazardous waste with all required information
- Failure to submit annual Permit by Rule updates in January 2005 and January 2006 for two onsite Permit by Rule treatment units while continuing to operate each unit
- Failure to prepare and submit to the Certified Unified Program Agency (local authority) a closure cost estimate for the Permit By Rule evaporator treatment unit

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The Department of Toxic Substances Control is a department of the California Environmental Protection Agency. DTSC's mission is to restore, protect, and enhance the environment and ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.